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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS DIRT! THE MOVIE ABOUT THE EARTH'S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

Film Takes Us into the Wonders of the Soil

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *Dirt! The Movie*, directed by filmmakers Bill Benenson and Gene Rosow, on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The film tells the story of Earth's most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility. This event is FREE to the public. Representatives from San Diego Food Not Lawns will be on hand to facilitate questions and answers after the film.

Dirt! It's under our feet and under our fingernails, but what is it? And how did it get there? Dirt is a part of everything we eat, drink and breathe. Inspired by William Bryant Logan's acclaimed book *Dirt: The Ecstatic Skin of the Earth*, the film takes a critical look at our complex relationship with dirt and the solutions to restore this vital natural resource. Get the 'dirt' on how industrial farming, mining and urban development has led us toward cataclysmic droughts, starvation, floods and climate change.

Community Cinema is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens. Check local listings.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.